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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



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JUICE JOINT JEOPARDY!

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND -- AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

THIS IS MOBOTROPOLIS--

--THE LARGEST CITY ON THE EARTH-LIKE WORLD OF MOBIUS.

WHEN JULIAN KINTOBOR, OF THE HOUSE OF IVO CAME HERE SEEKING SANCTUARY OVER A DECADE AGO, ITS CITIZENS COULD NEVER SUSPECT HIS TRUE INTENTIONS--

--OR THAT HE WOULD BECOME THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, A MAN WHO WOULD CHANGE THE FACE OF MOBOTROPOLIS AND THE VERY PLANET--

--FOR THE WORSE!

NOW AFTER THE VILLAIN'S OVERTHROW ALL THESE YEARS LATER, THE POPULACE KNOWS BETTER. KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN HAS RECLAIMED HIS CROWN AND HIS CASTLE, AND LIFE HAS RETURNED TO--

--NORMAL?

A DAY IN THE LIFE

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COME ON, EVERYONE--
KING MAX... PRINCESS
SALLY... PRINCE ELIAS...

...THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO
REASON FOR GLUM FACES AT ALL!
THOUGH QUEEN ALICIA REMAINS
ASLEEP INDEFINITELY WITHIN A CRYO-
GENIC TUBE HERE IN CASTLE
ACORN'S MED-LAB...

...THE LOW TEMPERATURES REQUIRED
TO MAINTAIN HER ICY SLUMBER HAVE SOME-
HOW MIRACULOUSLY HALTED THE MYSTERIOUS
ILLNESS THAT HAS TAKEN HER.

THE BAD NEWS IS SHE WON'T GET
ANY BETTER, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS SHE
WON'T GET ANY WORSE. THIS'LL FREE ME
AND MY MEDICAL TEAM UP TO FIGURE OUT
EXACTLY WHAT'S WRONG.

DON'T WORRY--WE'LL TRY OUR
BEST. YOU'VE GOT MY WORD--THE WORD
OF DOCTOR HORATIO QUACK!

DAD--I NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH! YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME MOM HAD DIED DURING THE GREAT WAR WITH THE OVERLANDERS* WHEN I WAS JUST A BABY...

...BUT YOU NEVER TOLD ME I HAD AN OLDER BROTHER WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE PERISHED ALONGSIDE HER!

YOU WERE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER HIM, SALLY. ELIAS WAS WITH YOUR MOTHER ABOARD A CONVOY CARRYING THEM TO OUR RESIDENCE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND WHEN THEIR CRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY OVERLANDER AIR TROOPS!

WE HUNTED HIGH AND LOW, BUT FOUND NO TRACE OF THEM OR THE REST OF THEIR MISSING PARTY-- THEY HAD ALL BUT VANISHED INTO THIN AIR. I HELD ON TO HOPE FOR AS LONG AS I COULD, BUT AFTER A WHILE...

...I FEARED FOR THE WORST. I KNEW YOU WOULD SOMEDAY ASK ABOUT YOUR MOTHER WHEN YOU WERE OLDER BUT, SEEKING TO SPARE YOU FROM ANY FURTHER PAIN, I KEPT ELIAS' EXISTENCE A SECRET FROM YOU.

* Humans - JF6

...I ASSIGNED COMMANDER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN--AS HEAD OF MY SECRET SERVICE--THE MISSION OF LEARNING IF THE RUMOR WAS REALLY TRUE.

RUMORS CAN BE HARMFUL, SALLY, AND I DIDN'T WISH TO FALSELY RAISE YOUR HOPES WITH ONE... SO I MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AS FORTHCOMING AS YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED REGARDING THIS COURSE OF ACTION.**

WHEN NEW EVIDENCE RECENTLY EMERGED THAT LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR MOTHER AND HE MAY HAVE INDEED SURVIVED THE INCIDENT ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...

* Read KNUCKLES #19-21
** Read "The Mission" book-up story in SONIC #64: JF6

I'M SORRY, SWEET-HEART, BUT I DID IT WITH INTENTIONS OF MAKING YOU HAPPY AND WHEN ST. JOHN CONTACTED ME AND REPORTED HIS AMAZING SUCCESS...

...I KNEW I HAD DONE THE RIGHT THING! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE PLACED THE PRESSURE OF FUTURE LEADERSHIP ON YOUR YOUNG SHOULDERS...

...NOT WHILE ELIAS IS HERE! ON THE DAY I DESCEND THE KINGDOM OF ACORN'S THRONE, I WISH IT TO BE HE WHO RULES IN MY STEAD!

?

MEANWHILE,
JUST OUTSIDE
CASTLE ACORN...

SO IT WAS CROO-BOT
CONTROLLING DUCK BILL PLATYPUS
FROM THE DOWNHINDA FREEDOM
FIGHTERS ALL ALONG--HMM,
SONIC?

YOU BET YOUR
BEAKER, ROTOR,
BUT WITH ME AND
TAILS IN TOWN, I
GUESS YOU COULD
SAY WE PULLED
THE PLUG ON HIS
SCALY OPERA-
TION!--

WAY TO GO,
SWAN-HOG--SOUNDS LIKE
YOU BOYS HAD SOME REAL
WILD ADVENTURES WHILE
YOU WERE AWAY!--WAIT'LL
PRINCESS SALLY HEARS
ABOUT IT!

* Read ish #61 * Issues # 58-67-JF6

AND, ON A NEARBY
ROOFTOP...

DO YOU
SEE WHAT I
SEE?

AS PLAIN
AS THE
WHISKERS
ON MY FACE,
PAL--WE'D
BETTER
RADIO
THE HEAD
HONCHO
RIGHT
AWAY!

COME IN, OMEGA--
COME IN!

I HEAR YOU,
ALPHA--REPORT.

YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO'S
BACK IN MOBOTROPOLIS...

SONIC!

NATE--
NATE MORGAN!
HOW'S IT GOIN'?

SO FAR SO
GOOD, MY YOUNG
FRIEND...

...PERHAPS RETURNING
TO MOBOTROPOLIS WITH YOU
WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE AFTER
ALL AND ALTHOUGH KINTOBOR
(OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL HIM),
HAS LEFT A LEGACY OF POLLU-
TANTS AND TOXIC WASTE IN
THE TWENTY-SOMETHING YEARS
SINCE I LEFT...

...BEHOLDING THE JOY
IN KING MAX'S EYES UPON
SEEING ME AFTER ALL THIS
TIME MAKES ME HAPPY TO
BE ... HOME.

MISTER MORGAN? MY NAME'S AMY ROSE-- DID YOU REALLY CREATE ALL O' THE POWER RINGS ON MOBINS? SONIC SAID YOU DID!

WELL, THEN-- SONIC SPOKE THE TRUTH!

WOW!

LOOK-- THERE'S PRINCESS SALLY AND THE REST OF THE ROYAL 'FAM' RIGHT NOW!

SONIC...?

WHY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU CRACK A SMILE ALL DAY PRINCESS-- MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY THE NICE WEATHER WE'RE HAVING.

GO OUT...?

NO WAY! I CAN'T-- NOT WHEN MOM IS STILL SO--

SONIC!

IT'S STILL SO HARD TO BELIEVE YOU'RE BACK! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS!

...SICK!

COME NOW, PRINCESS-- REMEMBER WHAT DOCTOR QUACK SAID ABOUT TRUSTING HIM. I THINK YOU SHOULD FOLLOW HIS SOUND MEDICAL ADVICE, HEAD OUT, AND HAVE SOME FUN...

...START BY SHOWING ELIAS AND NATE AROUND OUR FAIR CITY.

D'YOU BELIEVE ANY O' THIS? I CAN'T...

...AND SINCE YOU'RE NOT SO BIG ON WORDS...

...IT'S UP TO ME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BOSS AND LET 'IM KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S WHAT!

THIS IS BETA TO OMEGA-- COME IN, OMEGA!

UHH... IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME, ALL, AT THE MOMENT, I HAVE SOME ROYAL MATTERS TO ATTEND TO.

AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A COMPLETE PARTY-POOPER, I MUST RESPECTFULLY DECLINE YOUR INVITATION TO VENTURE FORTH FROM THE CASTLE'S CONFINES.

THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN SO DEMANDING THAT I FIND MYSELF STILL A BIT TIRED FROM THE ENTIRE EXPERIENCE-- SEE YOU SOON!

Hmmm... I WONDER WHAT'S UP WITH SALLY'S BRO.

BYE!

SOON, AMIDST THE BUSTLING
AVENUES OF MOBOTROPOLIS...

LIKE WOW--A GENUINE
LONG LOST BROTHER, MUH, SAL?
THAT'S WAY PAST WAY-
PAST-COOL!

I SUPPOSE...

THAT
DOESN'T SOUND
GOOD...

HERE
YA GO,
NATE--
EAT
UP!

UH... WHAT IS
IT EXACTLY?

"THE FOOD O'
THE 'HOBS!"

WELL, DOESN'T
THAT BEAT JUST ABOUT
EVERYTHING? THOSE
JOKERS ARE RUBBING
ELBOWS WITH, OF ALL
CREATURES, AN
OVERLANDER!

YOU'RE TELLIN' ME! YOU'D THINK
THAT THEY'D THINK TWICE ABOUT
DOIN' SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT AFTER
HOW DOC 'BOTNIK AND SNI-- I MEAN,
THE BOSS MESS'D UP THEIR LIVES!

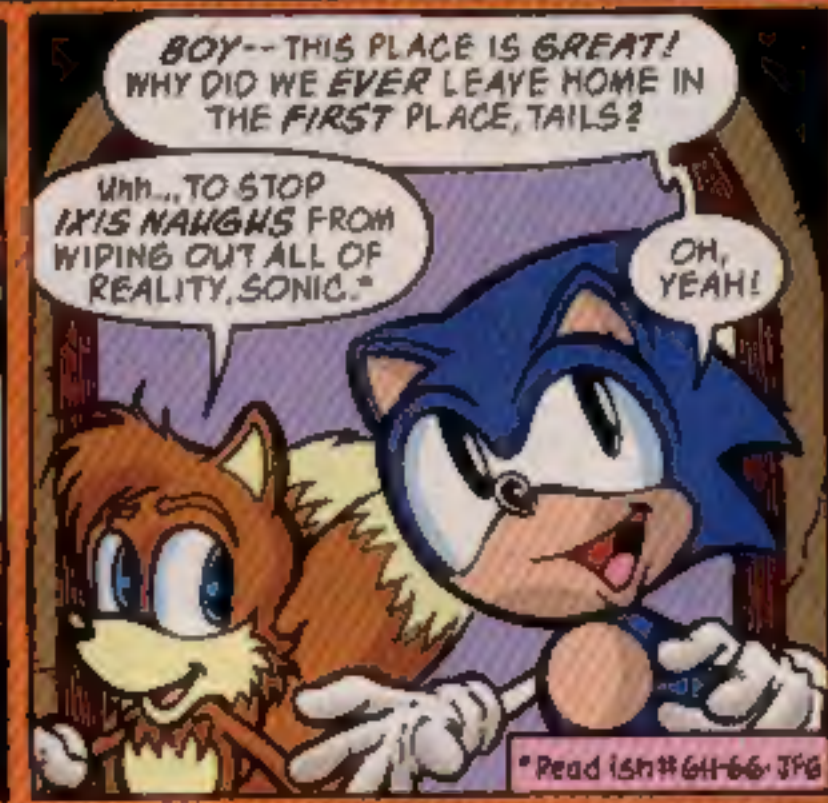
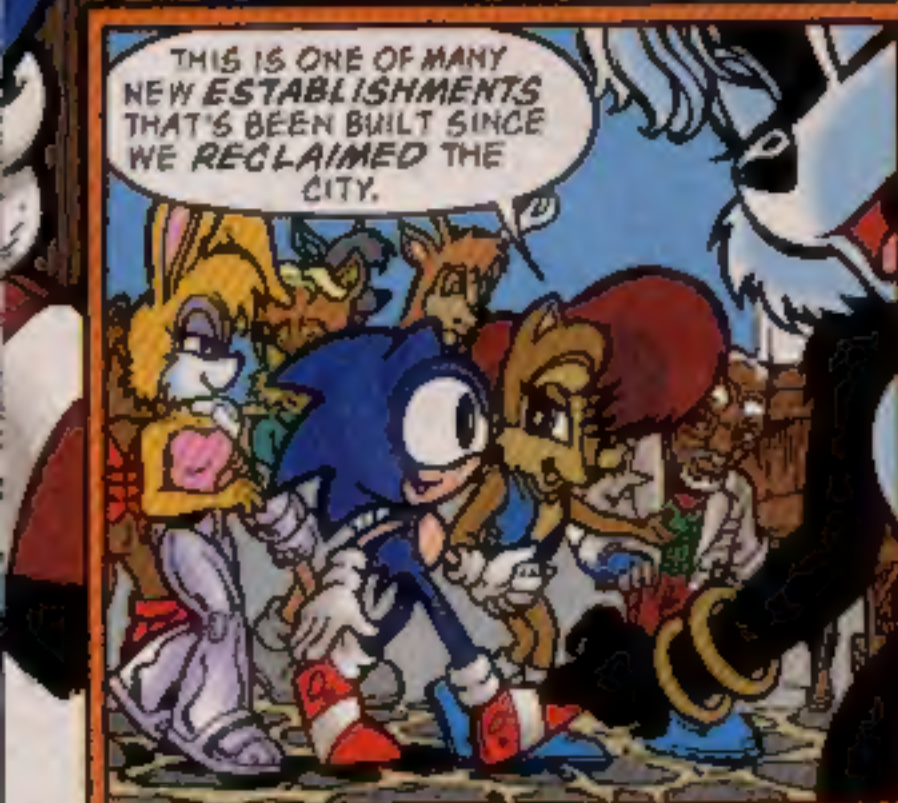
DO YOU
READ ME,
OMEGA?

LOUD
AND CLEAR,
GAMMA--
REPORT.

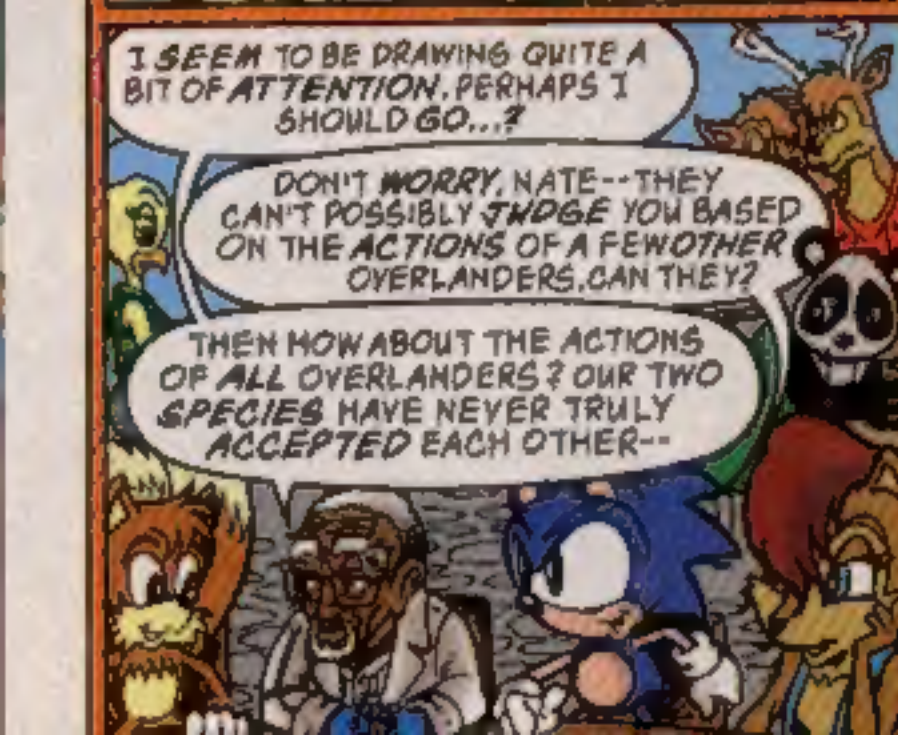
DIG THIS
SCENE...



* In a natural state -- Justin "Frenchie" Gabrie



* Read ish #64-66 JFG



* Read ish #65 for the details -JFG

LOTS OF
LAUGHS
LATER...

SAY, ANTOINE... IS IT MY IMAGINATION OR
DOES BHNNIE HAVE AN EVEN BIGGER CRUSH
ON YOU NOW THAN BEFORE TAILS AND I JUICED
ON OUT O' MOBO? SHE HANGS ON YOUR EVERY
MISPRONOUNCED WORD!

AH, WELL...
OF ZAT I AM
NOT QUITE
SURE--

--I AM ONLY AWARE ZAT
HER VOICE HAS ZEE RING OF A
SOUTHERN BELL. ZEE SUNLIGHT-
EET GIVES HER A CERTAIN POLISH.
ZEE SUMMER BREEZE--

OKAY! OKAY--CHILL
WITH THE POETRY,
"WORDSWORSE!" I
CATCH YOUR DRIFT--
YOU LIKE HER A
WHOLE LOT!

OWI.

THAT'S GREAT... JUST GREAT.
SAY, WH, ANT-- THERE'VE BEEN A LOT
OF REHNIONS SINCE WE BEAT
'ROBUTTNIK! Y'KNOW...

OF COURSE-- YOU WITH YOUR
PARENTS-- SALLY WITH HER
FAMILY-- AND EVEN ZIS NATE
MORGAN WITH ZEE KINGDOM
HE HELPED TO ERECT!

EET MAKES ME QUESTION ZEE
FATE OF MY OWN FATHER WHO
HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE ROBOTNIK'S
REIGN BEGAN-- (SIGH) WILL I NEVER
SEE HIM AGAIN?

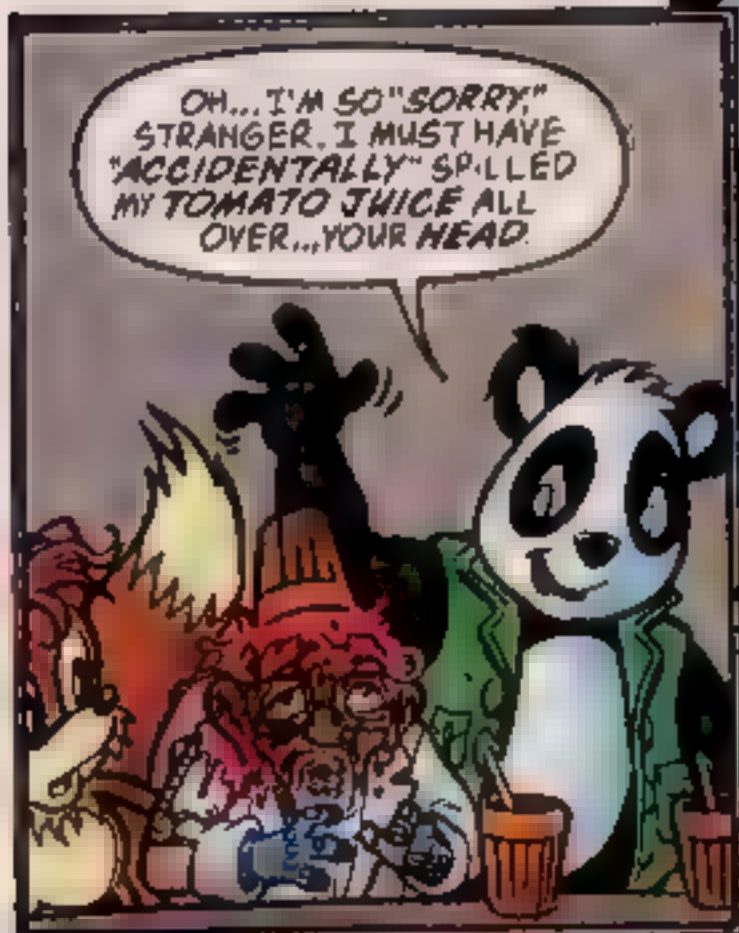
ANT--TAILS AND I
ENCOUNTERED A LOT
O' HOSTILE AND DANGEROUS
ROBIANS* WHILE WE WERE
AWAY. YOUR DAD--YOUR
DAD WAS--

--BREAK IT
GENTLY, SONIC--

AH WONDER
WHAT THOSE TWO
COULD BE YAMMERIN'
ON ABOUT FOR SO
LONG. WHATEVER
IT IS...

...IT DON'T SEEM TO
BE MAKIN' TWAN TOO
HAPPY! I'D BETTER--

* Robotized
Citizens of
Mobius - JFS



OH...I'M SO "SORRY,"
STRANGER. I MUST HAVE
"ACCIDENTALLY" SPILLED
MY TOMATO JUICE ALL
OVER...YOUR HEAD.



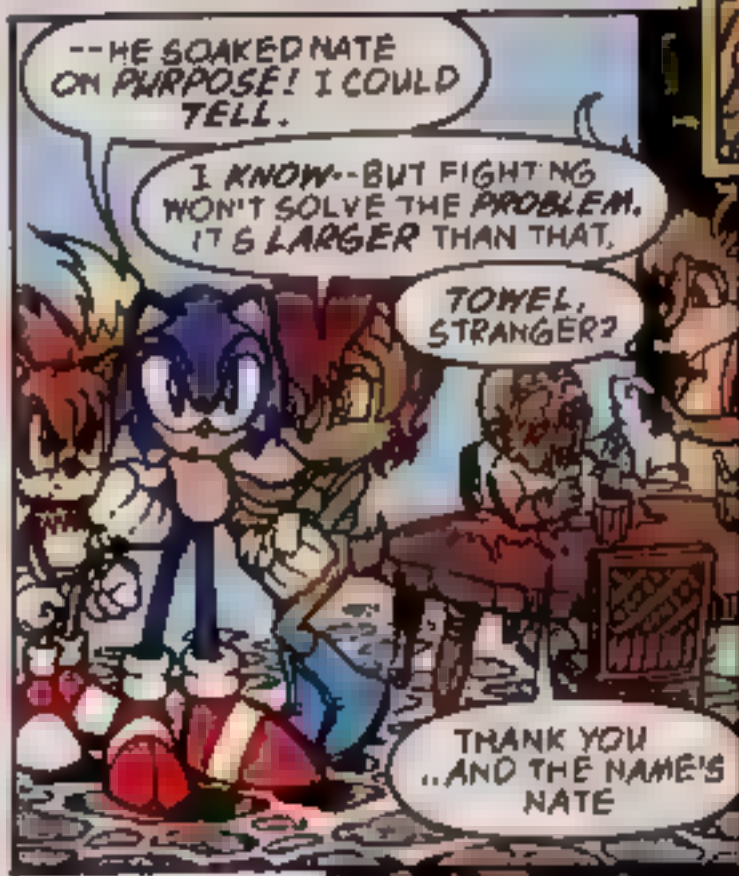
GOOD-BYE
'TIL NEXT--



--TIME?!



WHY NOT 'TIL
RIGHT NOW?

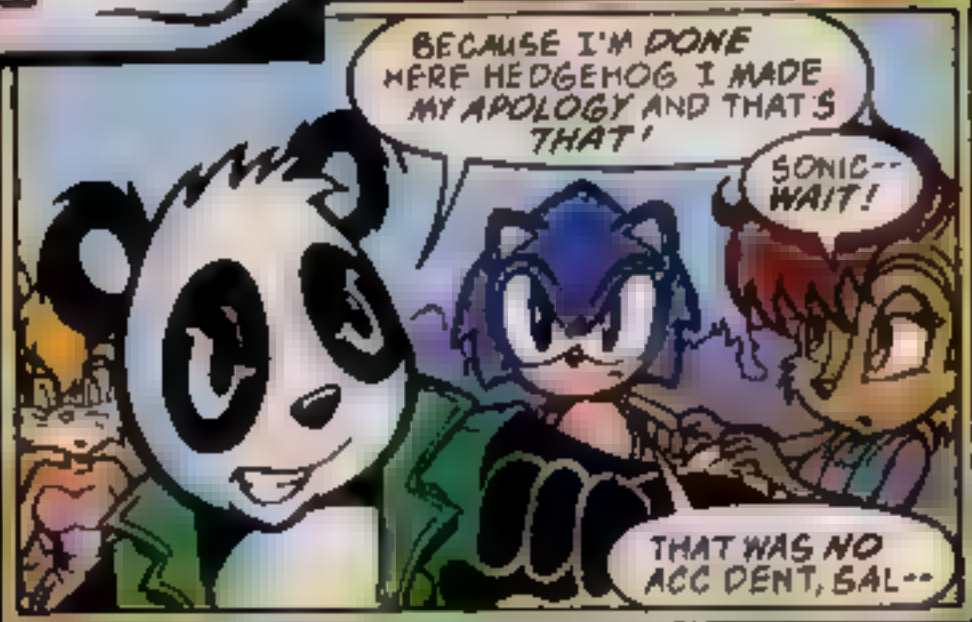


--HE SOAKED NATE
ON PURPOSE! I COULD
TELL.

I KNOW--BUT FIGHTING
WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
IT'S LARGER THAN THAT.

TOWEL,
STRANGER?

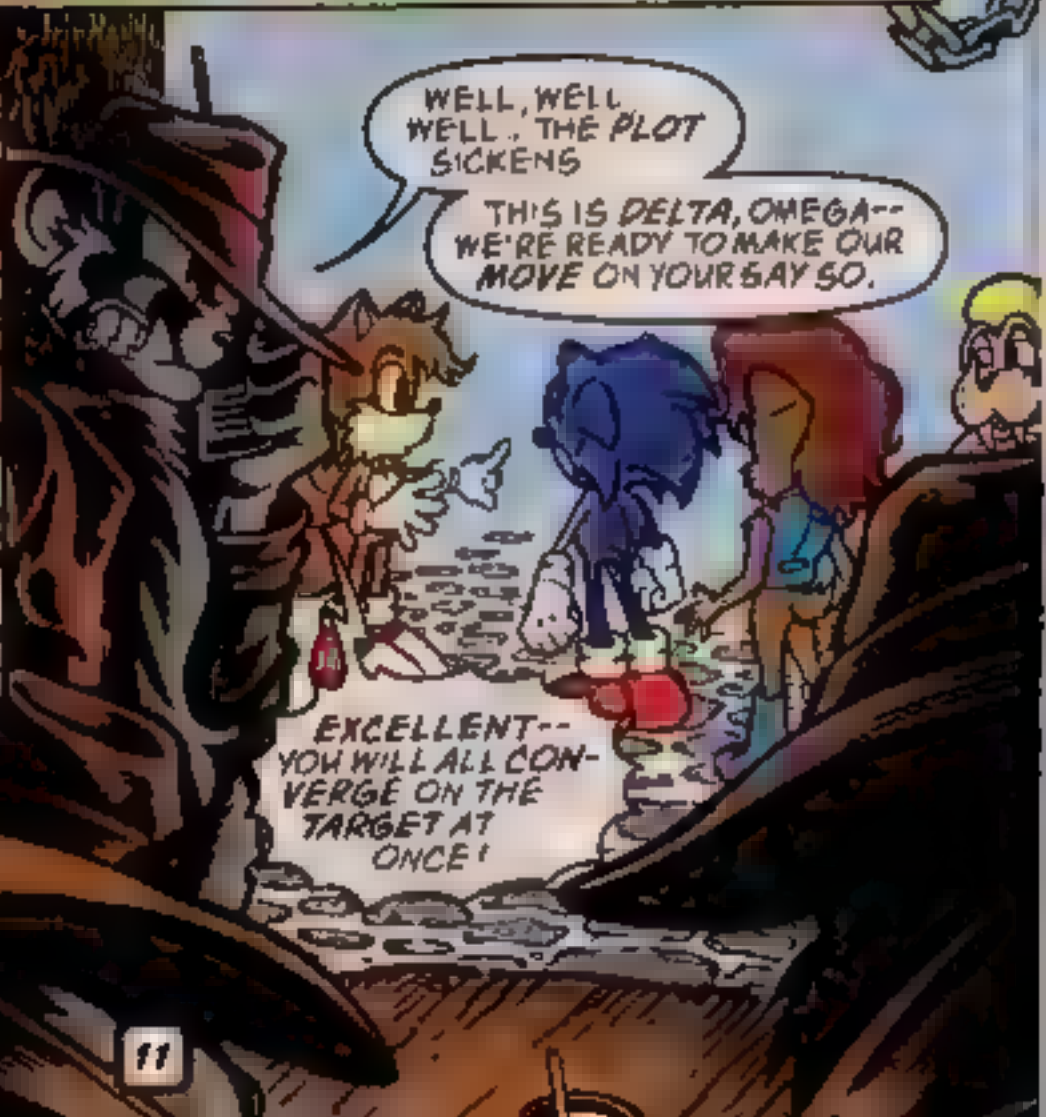
THANK YOU
..AND THE NAME'S
NATE



BECAUSE I'M DONE
HERE HEDGEHOG I MADE
MY APOLOGY AND THAT'S
THAT!

SONIC--
WAIT!

THAT WAS NO
ACCIDENT, SAL--



WELL, WELL,
WELL... THE PLOT
SICKENS

THIS IS DELTA, OMEGA--
WE'RE READY TO MAKE OUR
MOVE ON YOUR SAY SO.

EXCELLENT--
YOU WILL ALL CON-
VERGE ON THE
TARGET AT
ONCE!

CASTLE ACORNE
ROYAL BRIEFING
ROOM

GO AHEAD,
COMMANDER
ST. JOHN

SIRE -- MY
VISIT TO THE
DEVIL'S ISLAND
GHILAB HAS
SERVED TO
EXPLAIN
WHY WE'VE
RECEIVED NO
WORD FROM ITS
GUARDS IN
HELL OVER A
WEEK --

IT'S A COMPLETE MYSTERY
AS TO HOW THIS BREAK-OUT OCCURRED!
SEVERAL GUARDS, WHO HAD BEEN IM-
PRISONED HERE BY THE ESCAPEES --

-- SAY THAT THE CELLS OPENED
BY THEMSELVES. THEY CLAIM
THAT SNIVELY WAS
RESPONSIBLE.

SNIVELY
-- ROBOTNIK'S
NEPHEW?

YES, MY LIEGE, HERE'S A
COMPLETE LINE-UP OF THE ROGUES
WHO MADE IT OUT WITH HIM.

WE'VE COMBED THE AREA
SURROUNDING THE DEVIL'S ISLAND
AND FOUND THE REMAINS OF TWO
DOWNED SHUTTLE-CRAFT
SEVERAL MILES AWAY.

NO BODIES WERE
FOUND IN THE WRECK-
AGE AND WITH THE
OCEAN'S INTOLERABLY
HIGH TEMPERATURE,
IT'S NOT LIKELY THERE
WERE ANY SURVIVORS,
EITHER.

I'M SORRY,
YOUR
HIGHNESS

DON'T BLAME YOURSELF
ST JOHN -- I'LL GET DOCTOR QUACK
AND HIS MEDICS READY TO TREAT
THOSE MALNOURISHED GUARDS
AT ONCE

COMMANDER
-- ARE YOU
POSITIVE
THAT THE
ESCAPED
PRISONERS
PERISHED?

OF COURSE, PRINCE
ELIAS. IF THEY'RE NOT HERE...

"...THEN WHERE WOULD THEY BE?"

YOU BOONS HAVE GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME. I'M ONLY GONNA SAY IT ONCE, SO EVERYBODY'LL HEAR NATE MORGAN'S WITH SON O' THE HEDGEHOG! YOU MESS WITH HIM.

HAND OVER THE OVERLANDER --OR ELSE!

HOLD THAT POSE, DOLL!

YOU MESS WITH ME! ANY QUES--

HRK!

THIS GUY'S REALLY PLAYIN' FOR KEEPS!

SONIC!

WHAK!

UNNGH!

THERE THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

SALLY!

AARRGH!

WHY YOU
LITTLE--!

SAL?

WHAT'S THE MATTER
WITH YOU--YOU ANIMALS?
HOW DARE YOU ATTACK
THE PRINCESS?

YOU HURT ME, HOG,
BUT YOU'LL SEE THAT
WARLORD KODOS CAN
GIVE AS GOOD AS HE
GETS!

ATTACK!

PREDATOR
HAWK...

...ARACHNIS...

...SERGEANT
SIMIAN...

...FLYING
FROG...

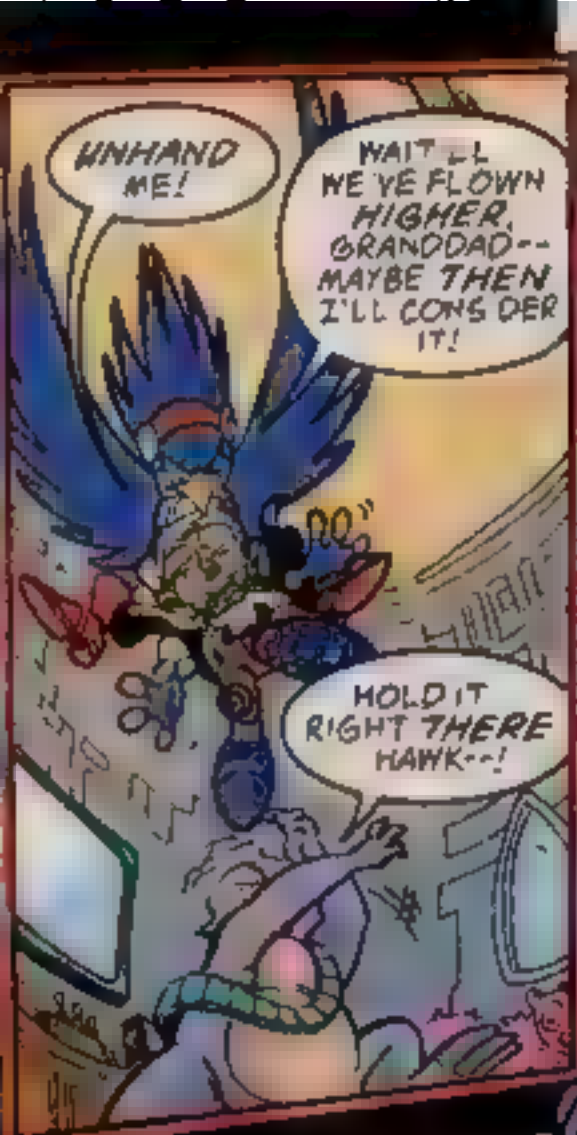
...SLEETH
DOGGYDOG...

...DRAGO...

...NACK THE
WEAGEL...

...AND LIGHTNING
LYNX...

STAND
REVEALED!



UNHAND ME!

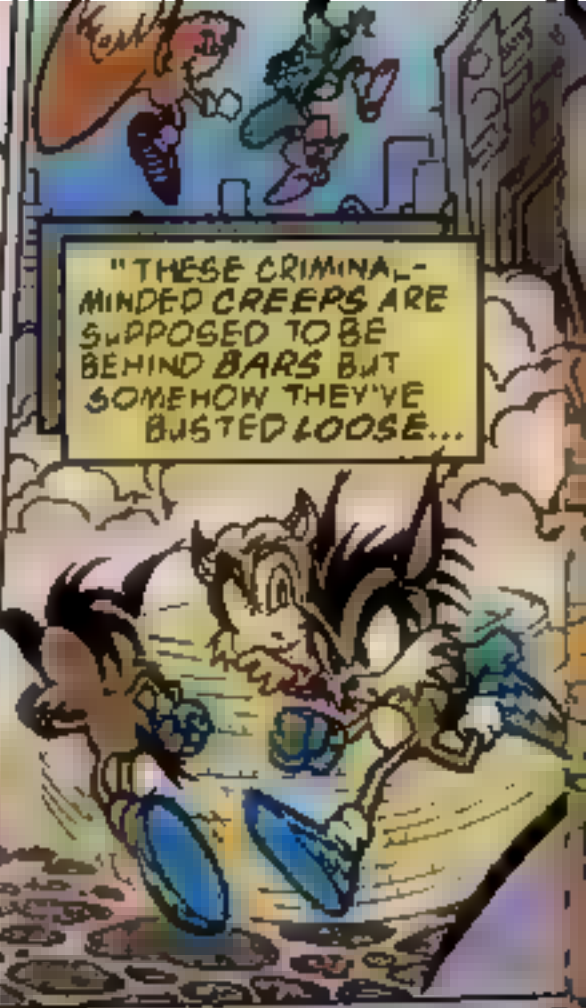
WAIT!! WE'VE FLOWN HIGHER, GRANDDAD-- MAYBE THEN I'LL CONSIDER IT!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE HAWK--!

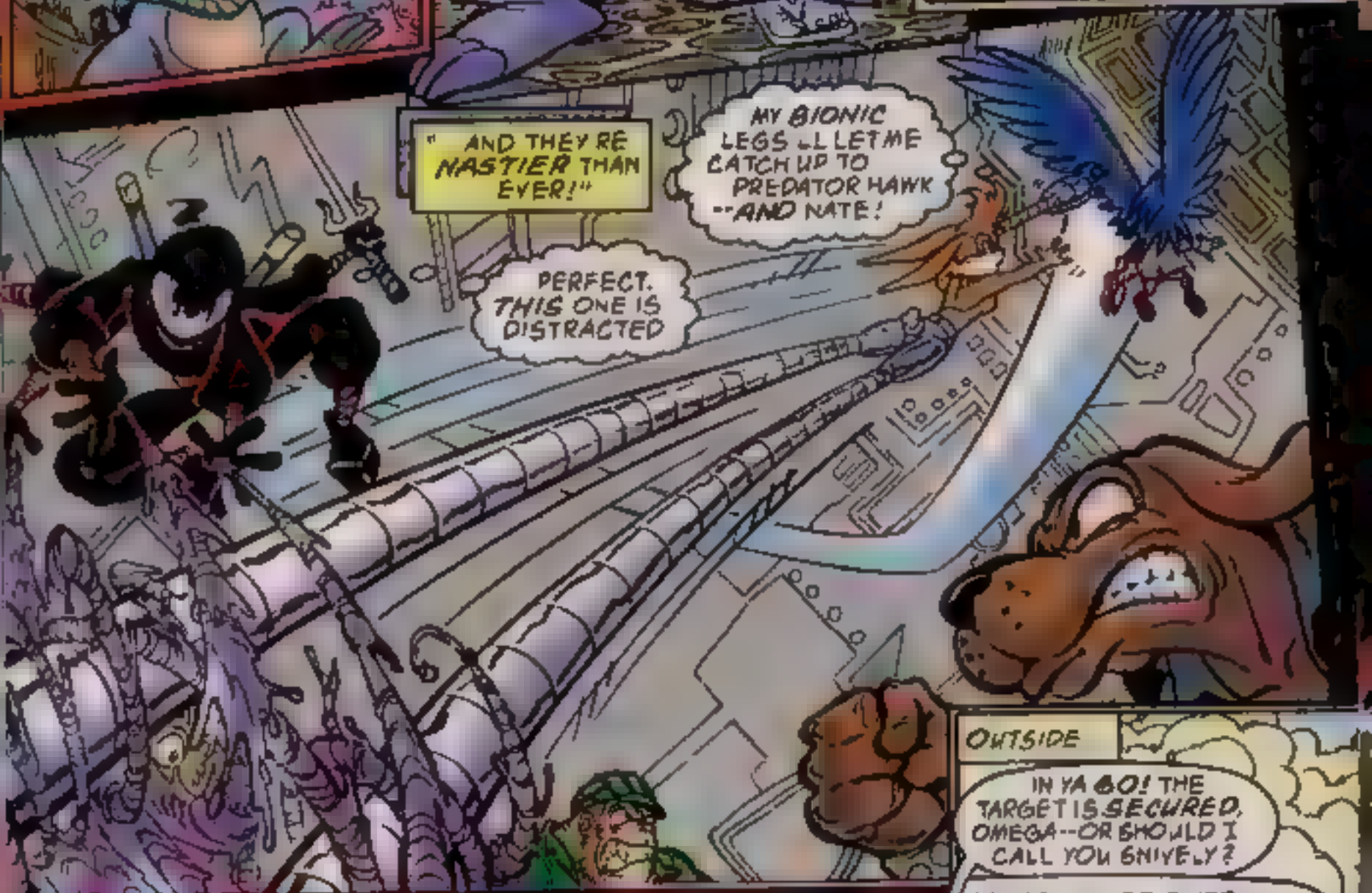


WHOOOPS-- SNEAK ATTACK! SORRY I DIDN'T LET YOU KNOW IT WAS COMING!

SOME-THIN'S GONE RADICALLY WRONG--



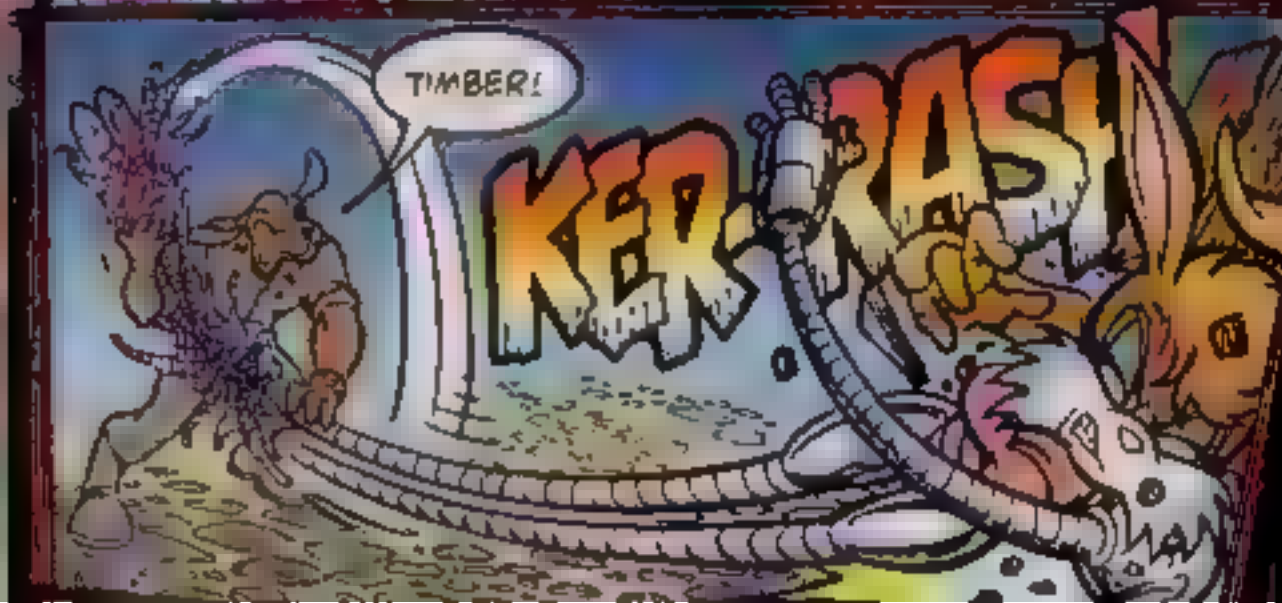
"THESE CRIMINAL-MINDED CREEPS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE BEHIND BARS BUT SOMEHOW THEY'VE BUSTED LOOSE..."



"AND THEY'RE NASTIER THAN EVER!"

MY BIONIC LEGS LL LET ME CATCH UP TO PREDATOR HAWK --AND NATE!

PERFECT. THIS ONE IS DISTRACTED



TIMBER!

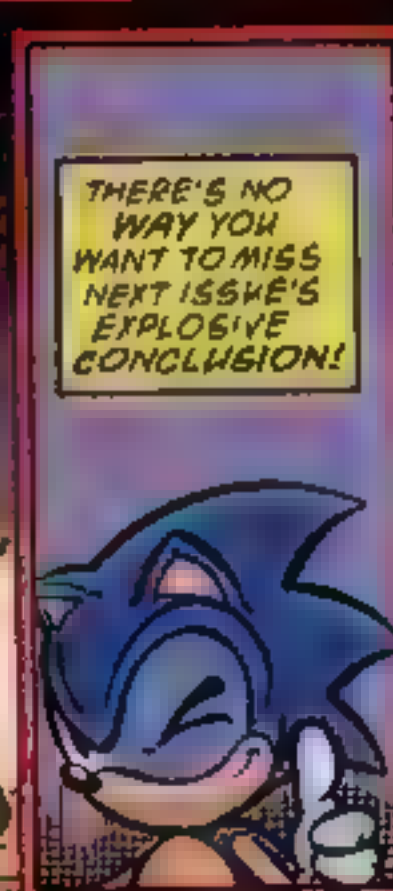
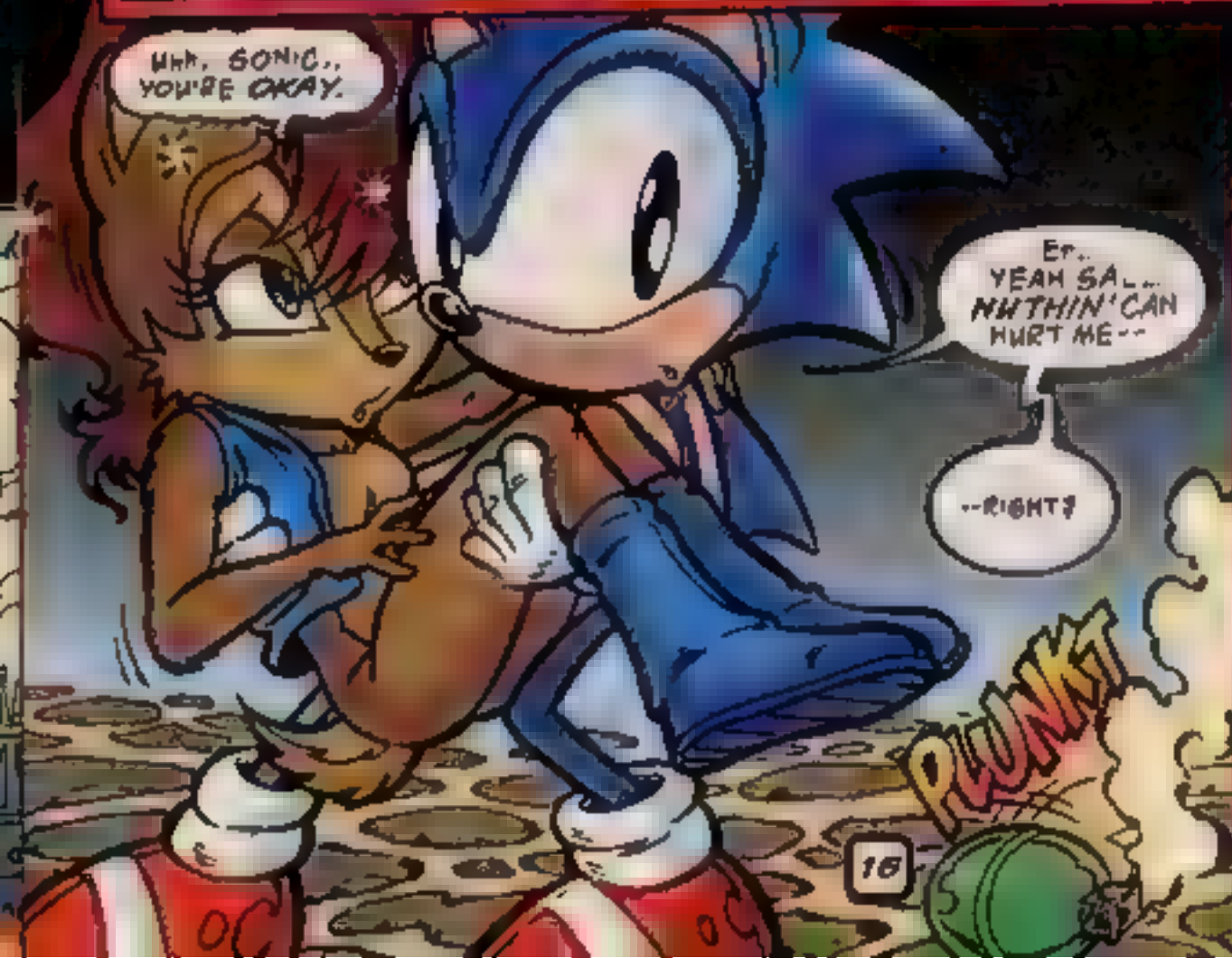
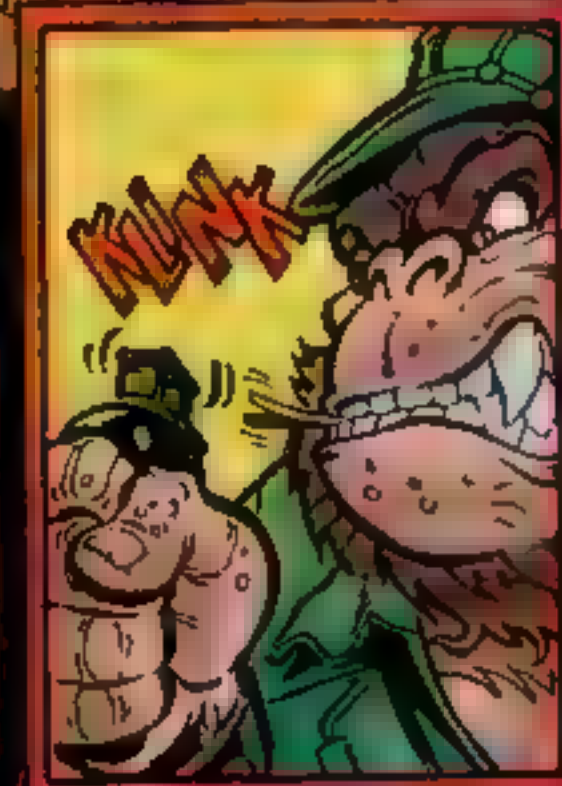
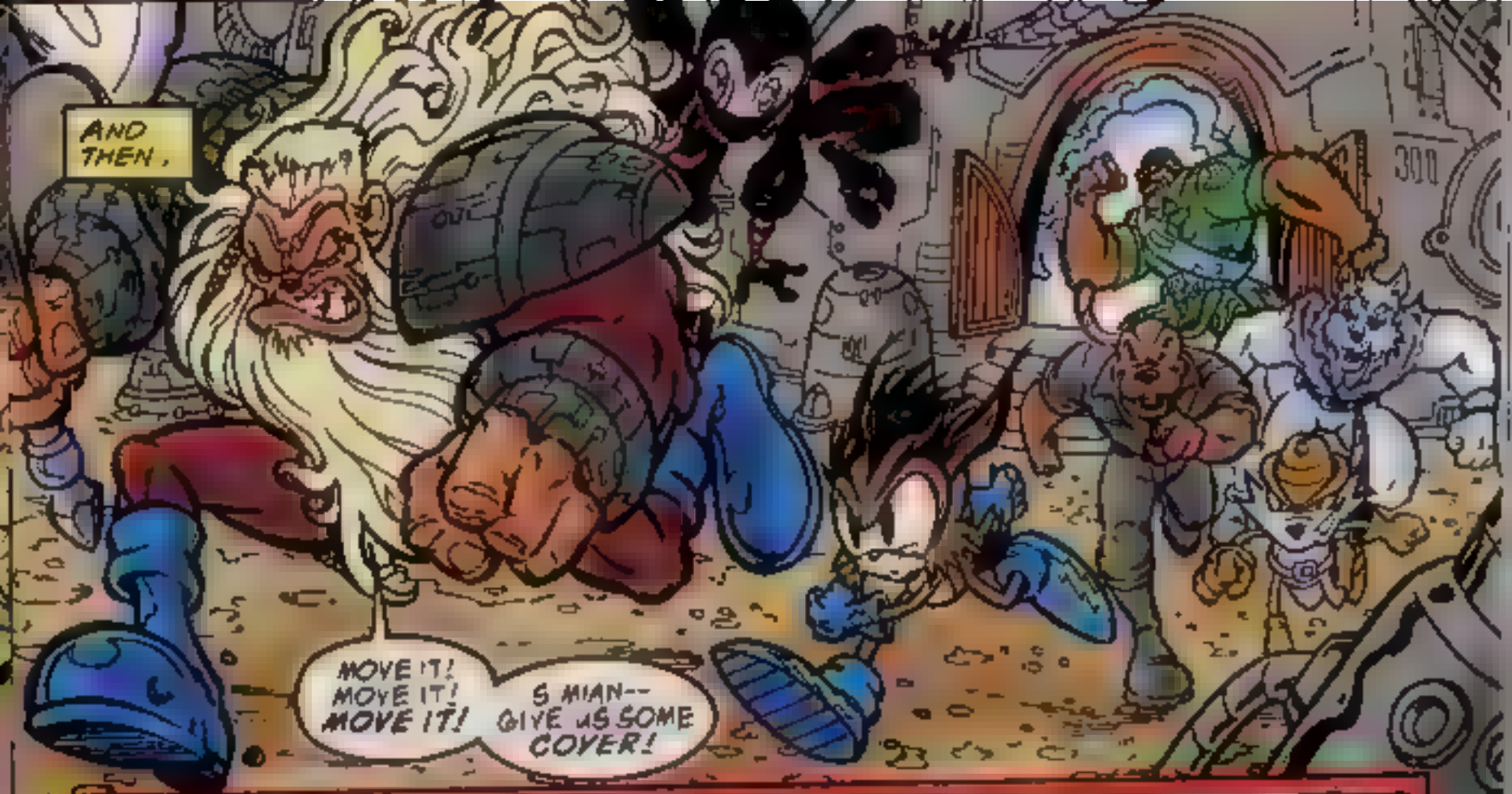
KER-RASH!



OUTSIDE

IN YA GO! THE TARGET IS SECURED, OMEGA--OR SHOULD I CALL YOU SNIVELY?

'BOSS WILL DO QUITE NICELY, THANK YOU, AND AS FOR YOU CAPTURING THE TARGET IS CONCERNED--PERFECT!



Presents:

LUPE WOLFPACK

PART III

WEATHERING THE STORM

Lupe's Journal Entry...
The storm continues on into
it's tenth day, raining much
too hard to continue past the
confines of the city.. what's
left of it, that is

We are currently rationing
supplies as a precaution
against the possibility of
the storm not letting up
in the near-term future

As for Genial and Athena,
the two Overlander girls we
have found, I have yet to
decide what to do with them...

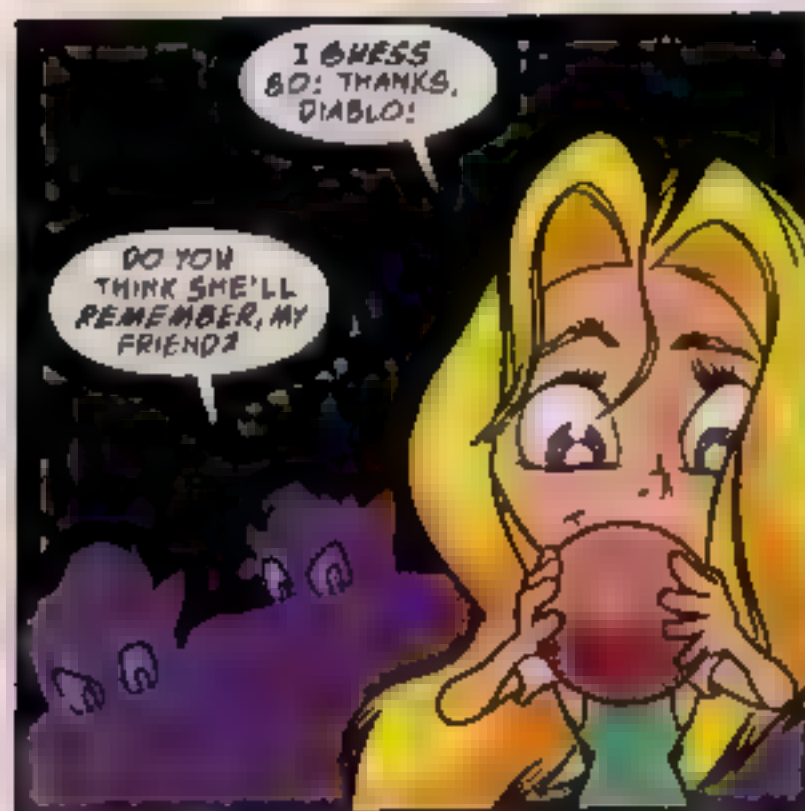
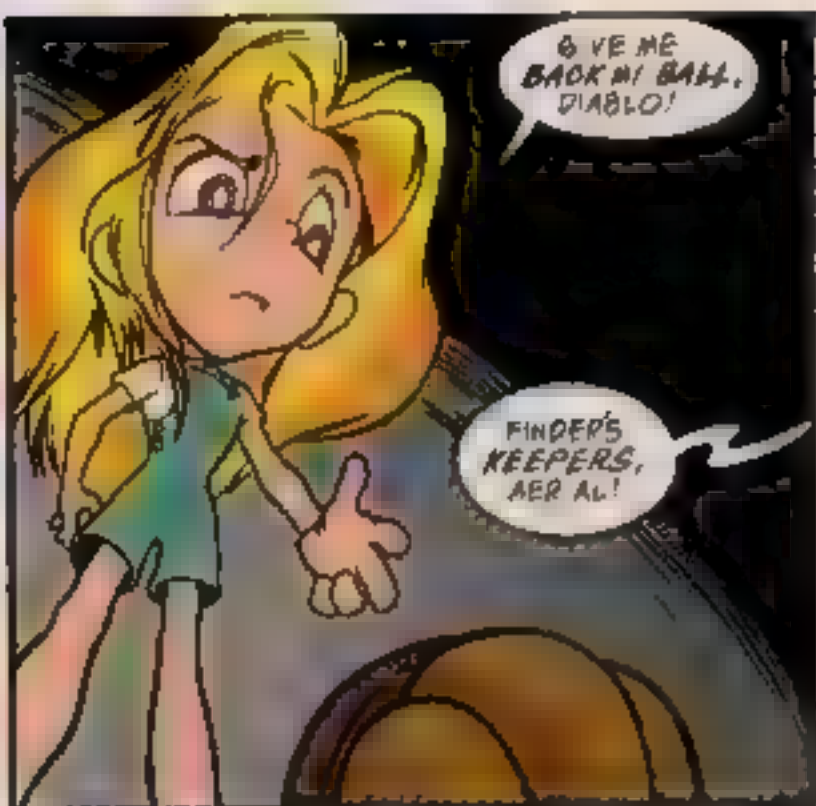
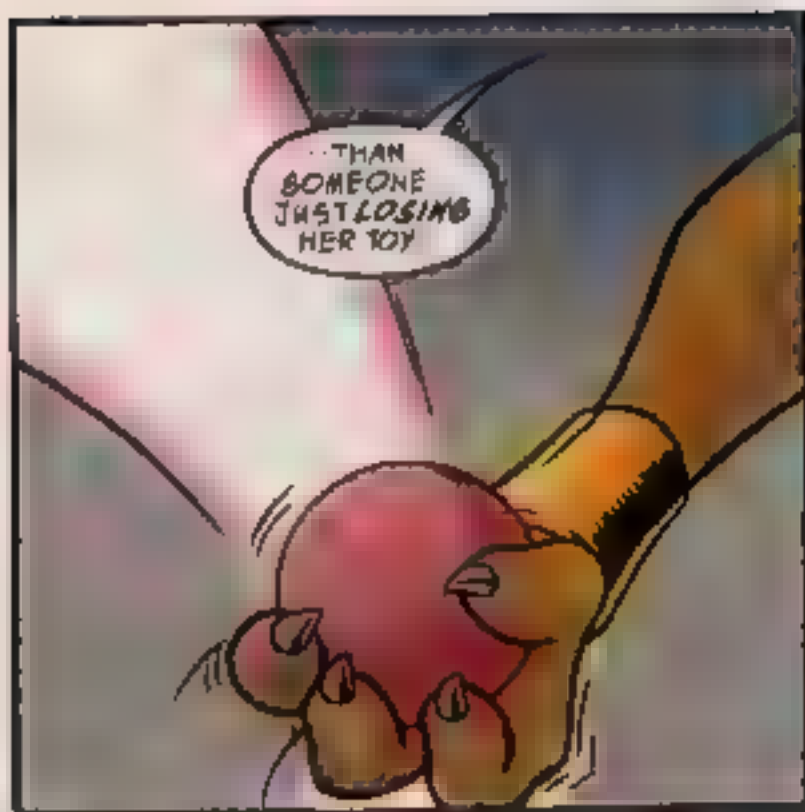
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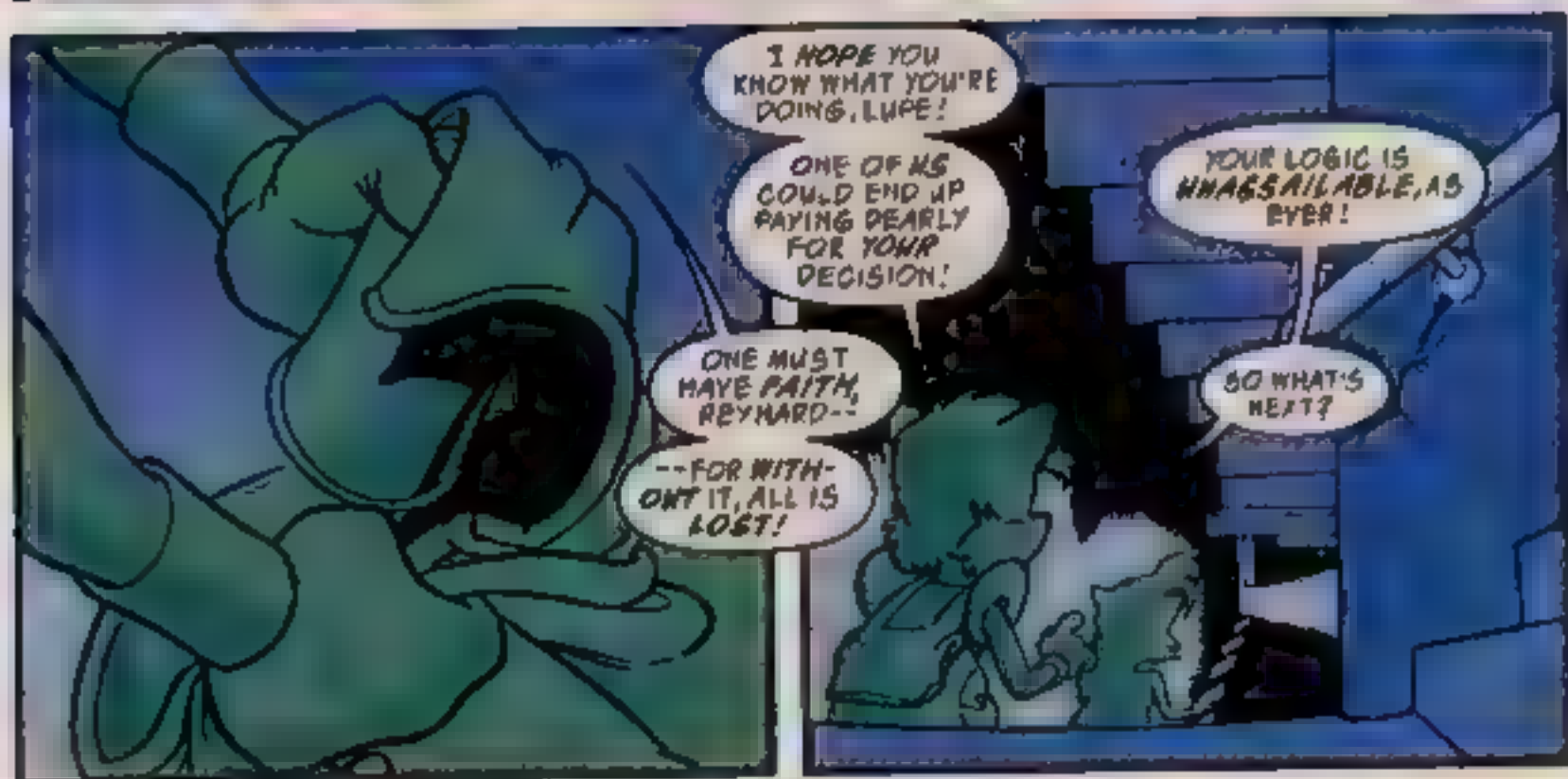
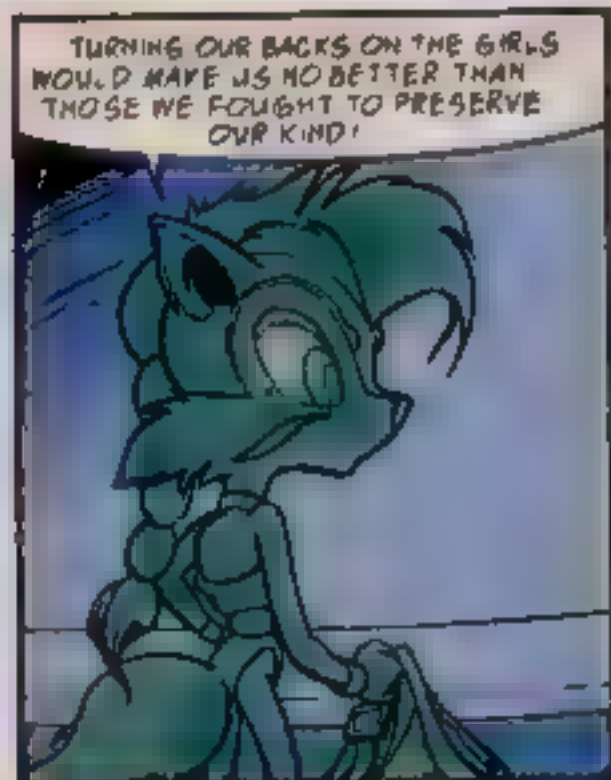
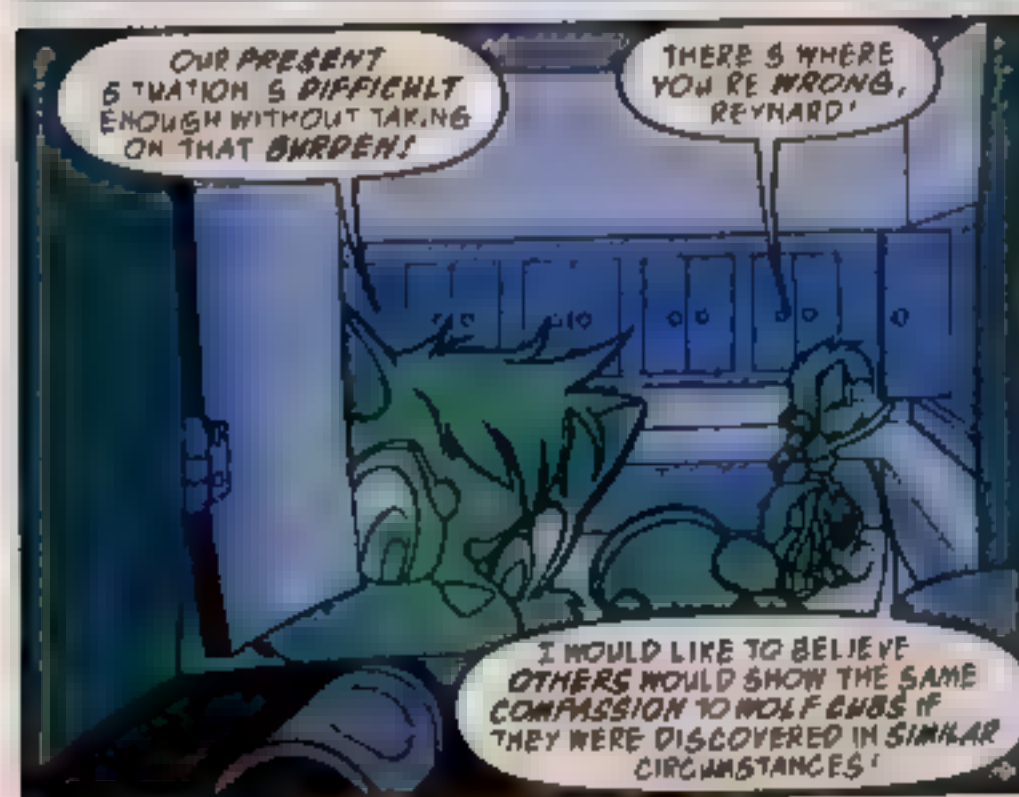
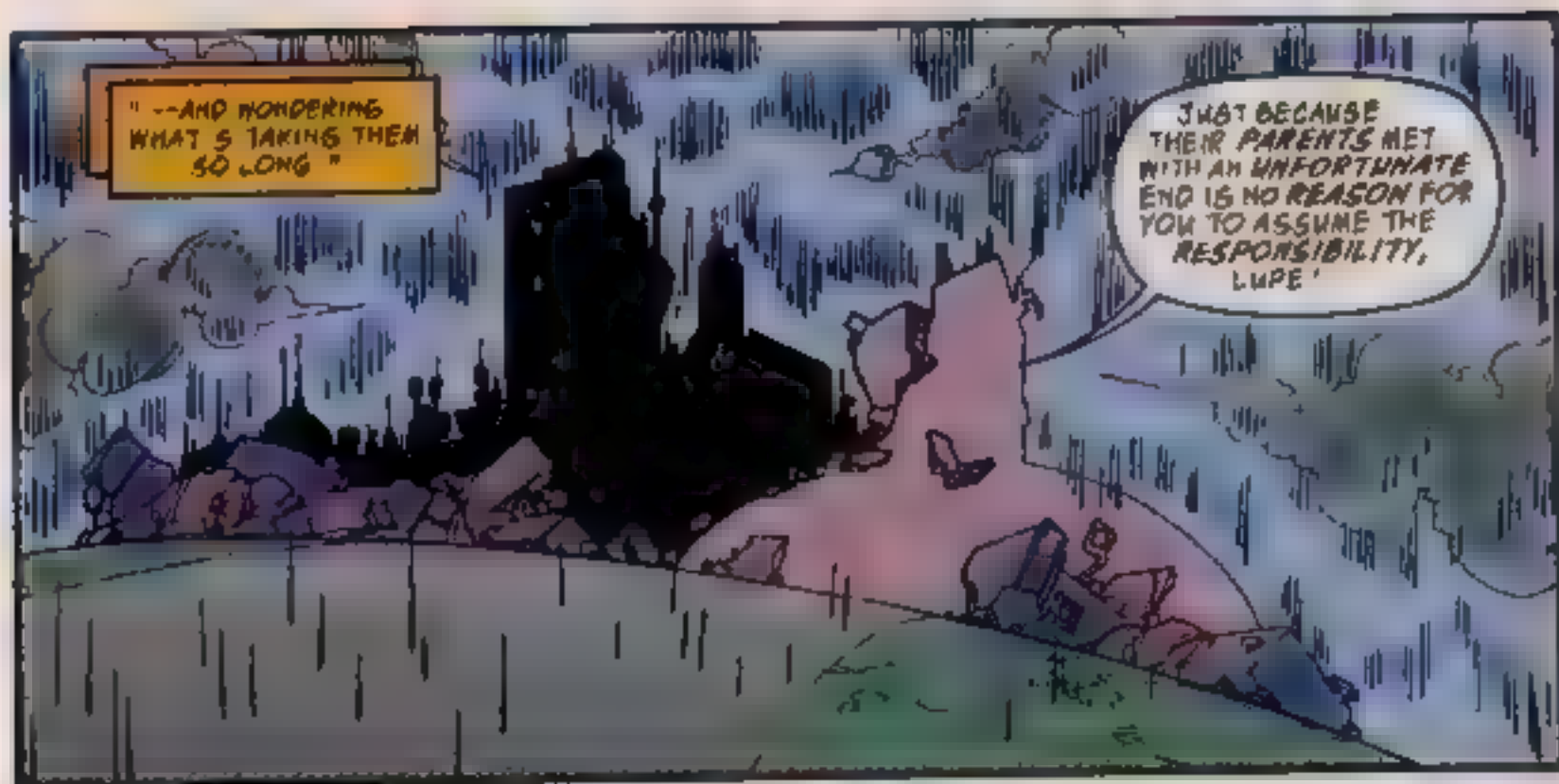
.. EVEN THOUGH
Reynard has made
his position
abundantly clear!

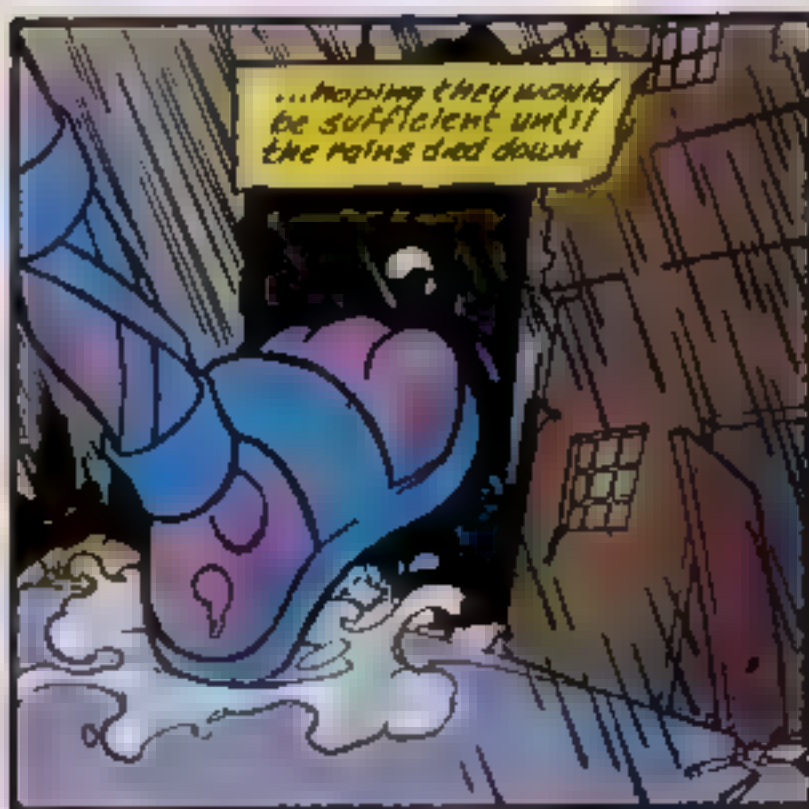
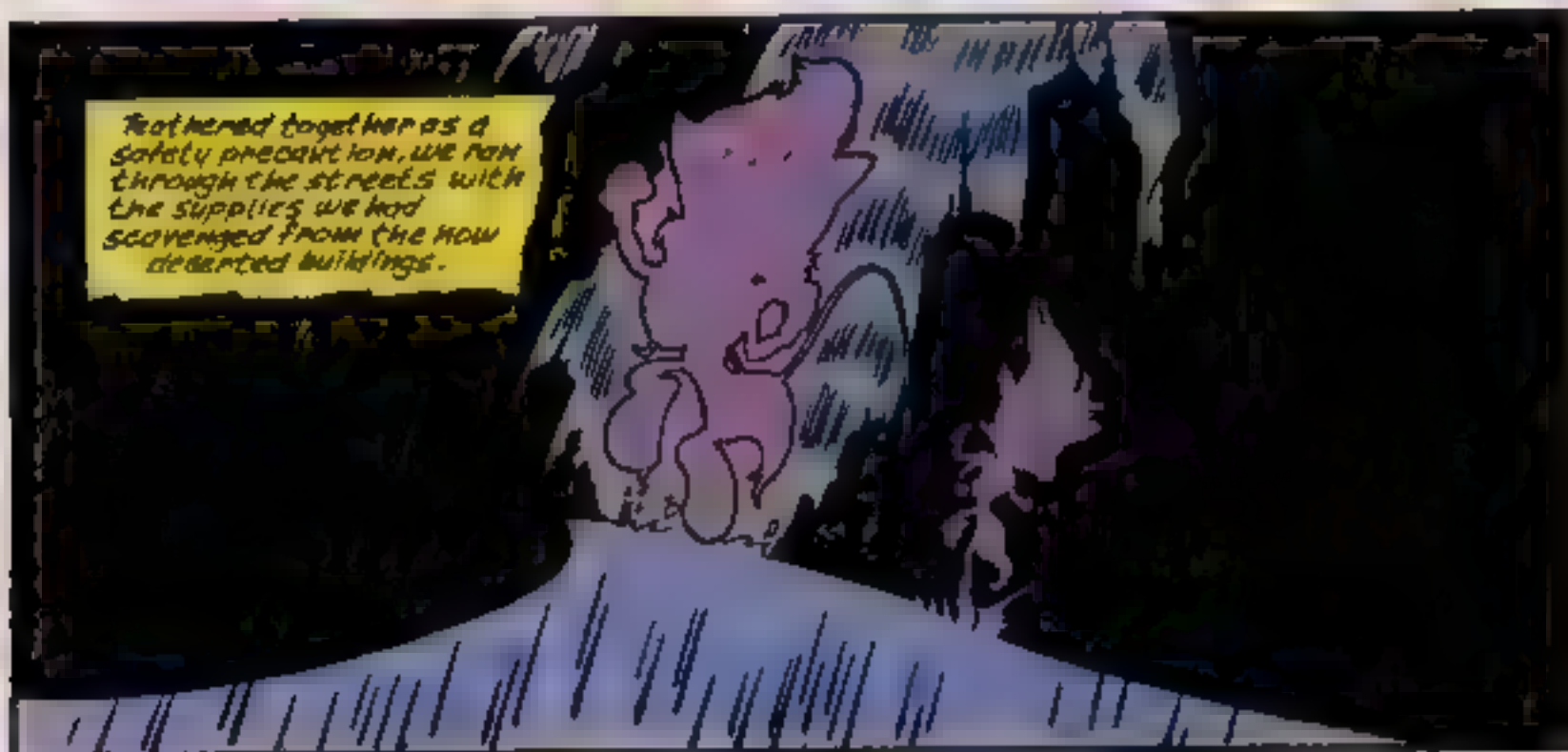
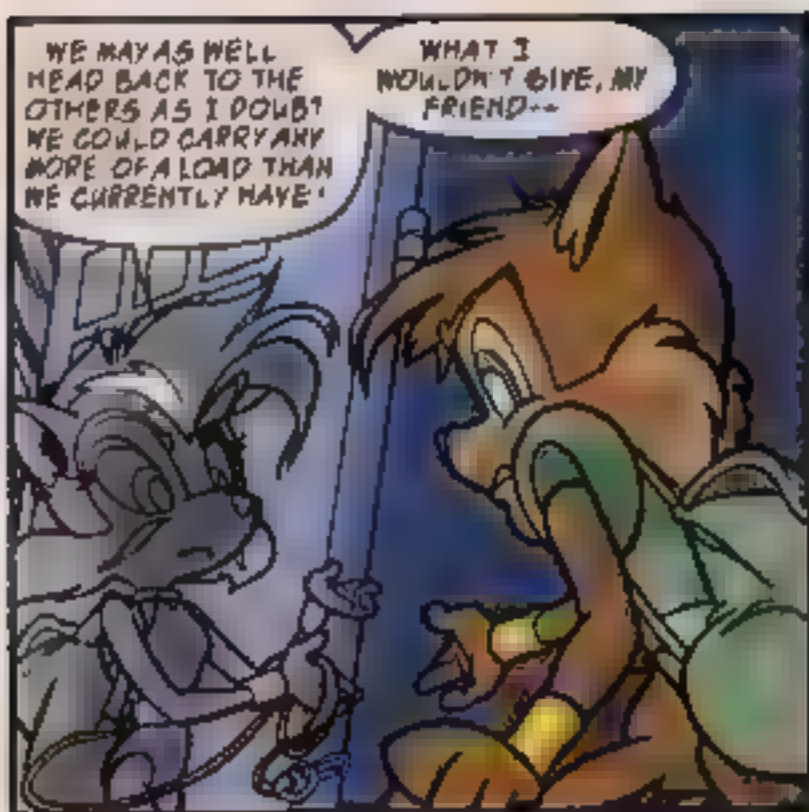
GO BACK
TO SLEEP,
CANUS!

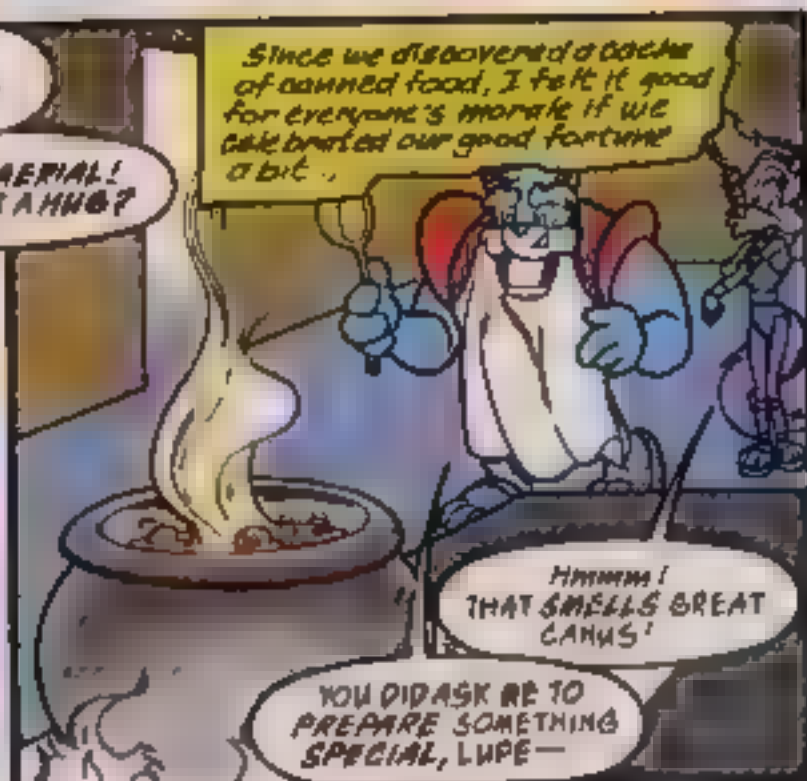
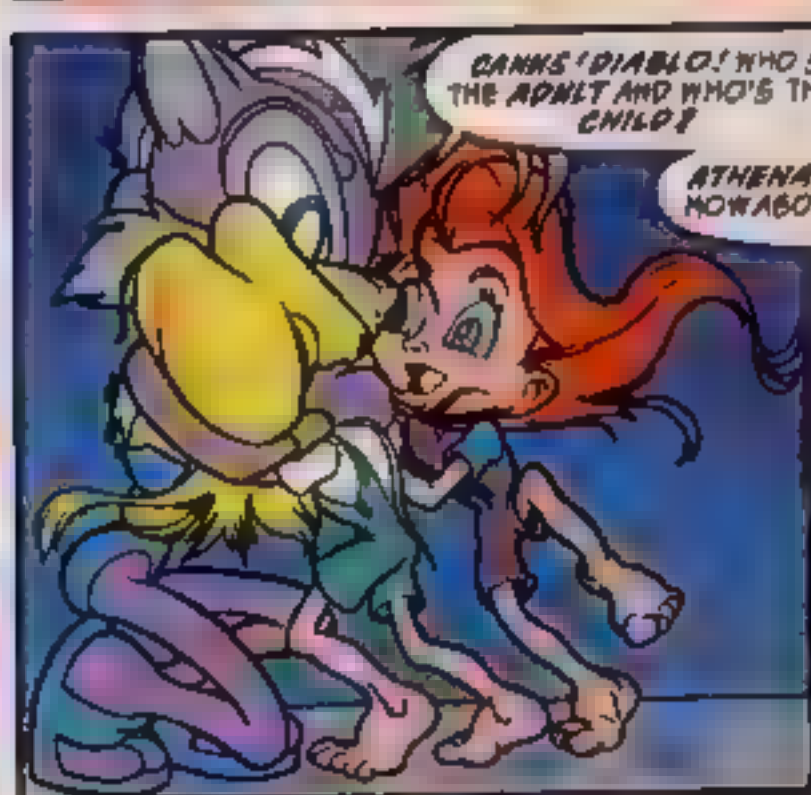
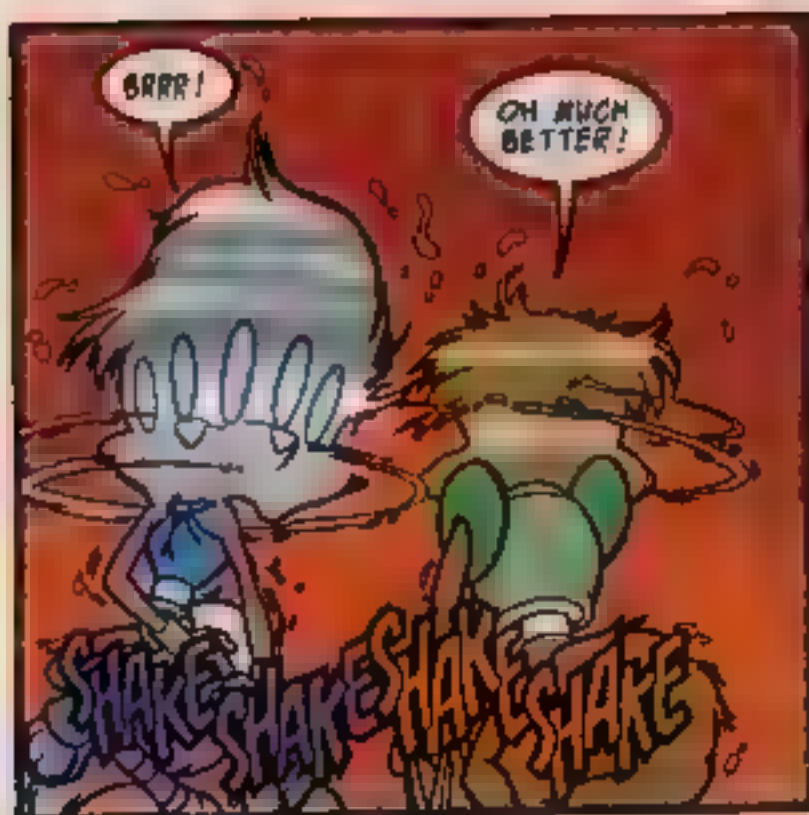
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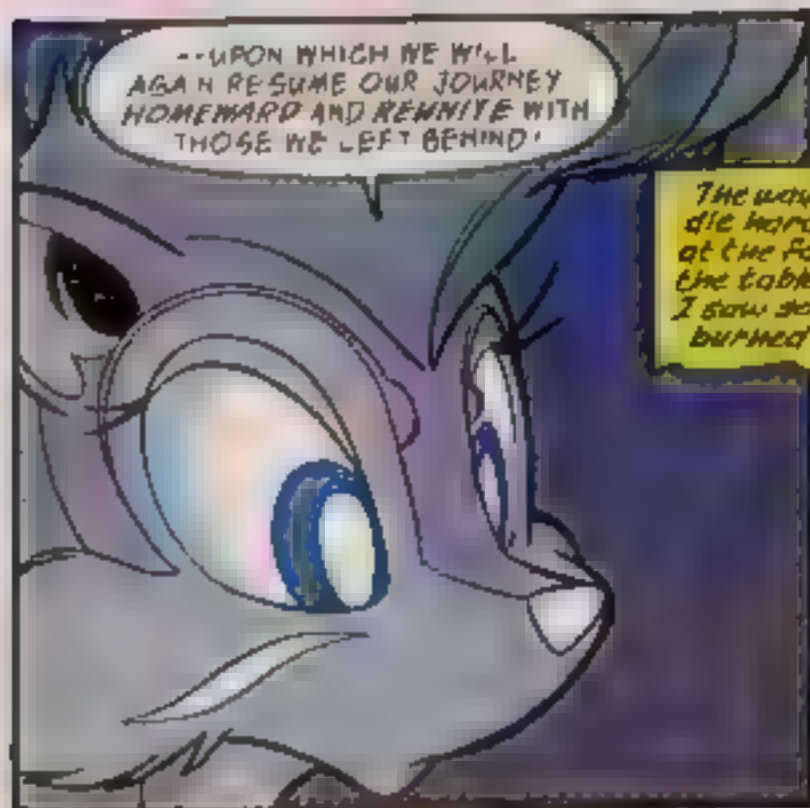
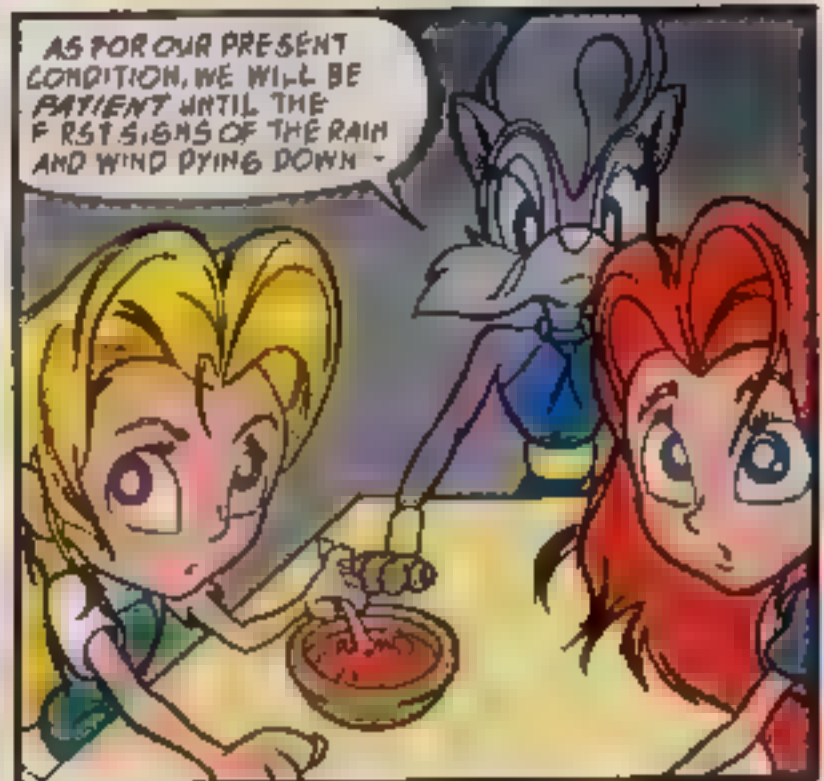
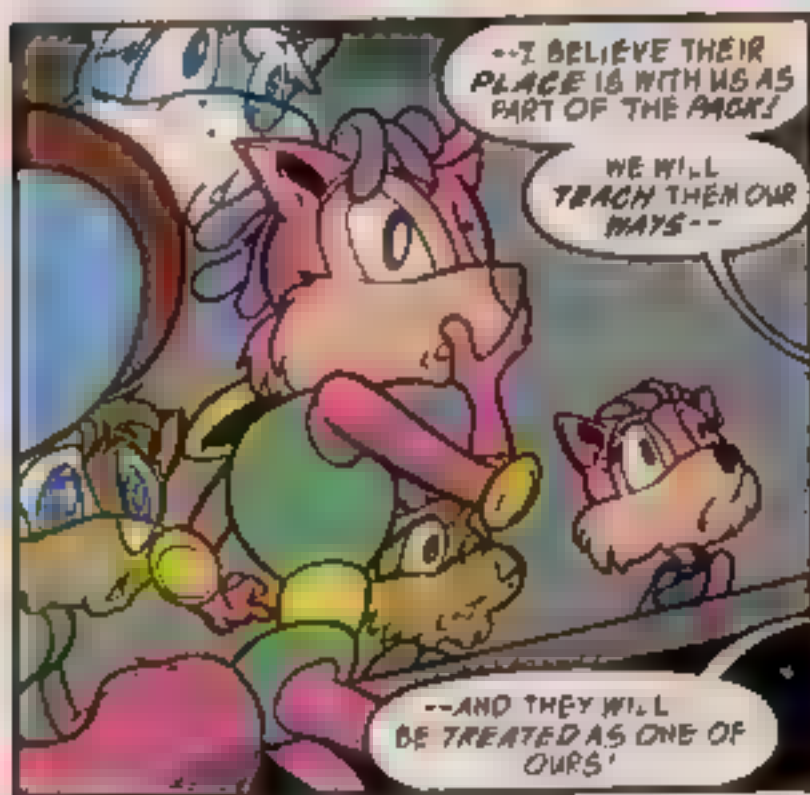
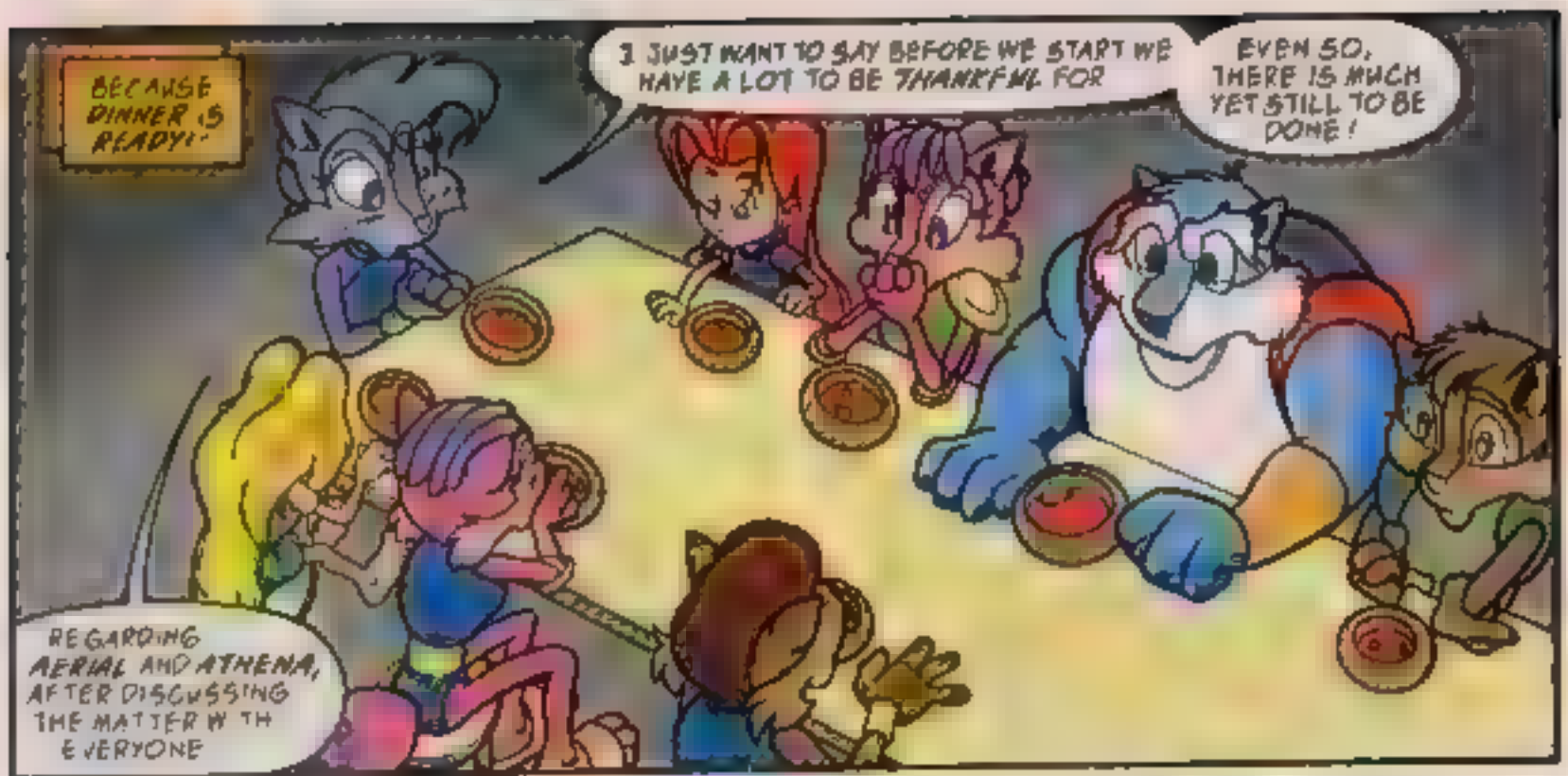
IT'S
NOTHING
MORE--











SONIC KNUCKLES - GRR AM SS



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher & Manak

THIS JUST IN!

What's up, guys and gals? Hope the holidays brought you all what you wished for. Here at the Sonic office, things are definitely on the up and up. As a book that is generally a newsstand book (meaning most of our sales come from grocery stores, mini-marts, subscriptions, and -duh- the newsstands), we are finally starting to gain attention in the superhero-driven direct market (your specialty comic book shops).

In lieu of this, certain direct market fanzines such as Wizard and especially Comic Buyers Guide (CBG) and Comic Shop News (CSN) have helped more readers find our book. The latest is something all Sonic and Knuckles fans should be made aware of: CSN, a free weekly fanzine, will be printing a Sonic and Knuckles strip for fourteen weeks straight with the first installment starting in the first week of May. Though it is a way to introduce new readers to our favorite characters, current readers will want to get it themselves since it will be placed in continuity (specifically between Sonic #73 & #74 and between Knuckles #25 & #26). The story: What do Sonic & Knuckles do when they wake up... in each other's body? They create mayhem, what else?

All this is mainly due to you fans who have supported our books and spread the word around. For that we give our thanks. We all have something in common: a love for the blue hedgehog and the world he lives in. So let's spread that love around to new 'hog-fans' around the world. As they say, "The more, the merrier!"

Catch you on the flip side!

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To whom it may concern,

Good job on getting Sonic and Tails out of Sand Blast City! Who would have thought the equipment that was responsible for keeping the force field up was in the statue? With sixty-three regular issues under your belt (including seven specials, seventeen Knuckles issues, and countless of other specials and mini-series), will there be any new series coming up?

Collin Grabson (age 14)
Chicago, IL

The whole credit goes to Sonic. He figured it out in time to save their hides from imprisonment in Sand Blast City. No plans for any new series at the moment but you and all our readers will be the first to know if there is.

Dear Tails,

I think you and Sonic are doing a great job tracking down his Naugus. I'm enjoying your adventure in Sand Blast City and I'm glad to see neither of you were fooled by Jack Rabbitt's deception. Now for what I mainly wanted to talk to you about: the fact that you deserve your own series! I mean both Sonic and Knuckles have their own series but you still don't (and I'm not counting your mini-series), even though you're the "chosen one." If you get your own, all the biggest heroes SEGA history will have their very own comic book. Then this way The Downunda and Forty Fathom Freedom Fighters could make many appearances in your book.

Joel Hamlet
Lakeside, CA

Hey, Joel. That Jack Rabbitt's a strange one, isn't he? And after the end of #63, he's obviously not a big fan of Sonic anymore. As mentioned above, there are no plans for new series at this time. However, Knuckles did get his series through popular demand (via snail mail). If it happens again (this time for Tails), who knows what could happen. (Now if that isn't the biggest hint on the face of Mobius, I don't know what is!)

Dear Sonic-Grans,

I loved issue #63. After reading issue #62, I was on the edge of my seat wondering what would happen next. I liked the idea of the prisoners escaping from The Devil's Gulag. Don't get me wrong, I thought it was bad that they escaped but it was a great idea story-wise. I have a question I would like answered: Why was Princess Sally so eager for answers? That is all for now. Thanks for reading my letter.

Bethany Esthaur
Overland Park, KS

So... Bethany, you're from Overland Park, Huh? Any connection? I hope not. Anyway, the reason why Princess Sally was so eager for answers is that she's not accustomed to being left out of the loop. Whenever things happen, she's always the first to know. That is except when it comes to the King's secret plans.

Having to find out for herself is what's getting on her nerves.

Dear Sonic,

I just bought issues #62 & #63 and I thought it was so weird how Jack wanted to keep you and Tails as prisoners. Now I have a few questions: 1) How did you find out their plan? 2) What is Valdez? 3) When Snively drops the file in #62, why do the doors open? 4) Also, what is Mighty?

Beth Miller
Hanslet, IN

Yeah, that was really weird. Now you know why they wanted out so bad. 1) Sonic never trusted them (mainly because he felt they were loony to hero worship him the way they did -- though that doesn't mean he didn't like it). 2) Valdez is a chameleon like Espio of The Chaotix. 3) That is a secret soon to be revealed. 4) Mighty is an armadillo.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

In two weeks: Hot off his artistic chores on **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #7**, Image-creator extraordinaire Jim Valentino continues as guest penciler for the "Dark Alliance" story arc. Joining him and writer Ken Penders is inker Harvol! The Dark Legion has their candidate in place for the next High Councilor of Echidnapolis, the mysterious Benedict. While this is happening Dimitri and the rest of The Legion make their move against Knuckles and The Chaotix!



KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #23 on sale early February 1999!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #70 on sale late February 1999!

Next Month: The Gulag escapees have kidnaped Nate Morgan! What will Sonic and The Freedom Fighters do when they are NOT allowed to save him? Especially since the one sent to save him, St. John, is not very sympathetic toward Overlanders. Story by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund. Also: Sonic gets nightmares about his standings as a hero! By Paul Castiglia, Chris Allan and Jim Amesh!

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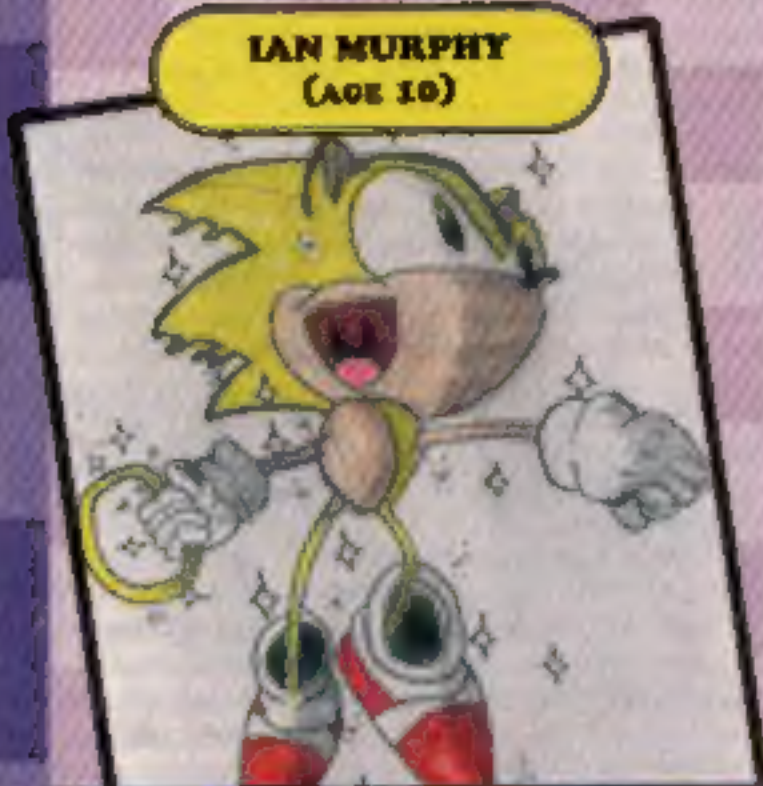
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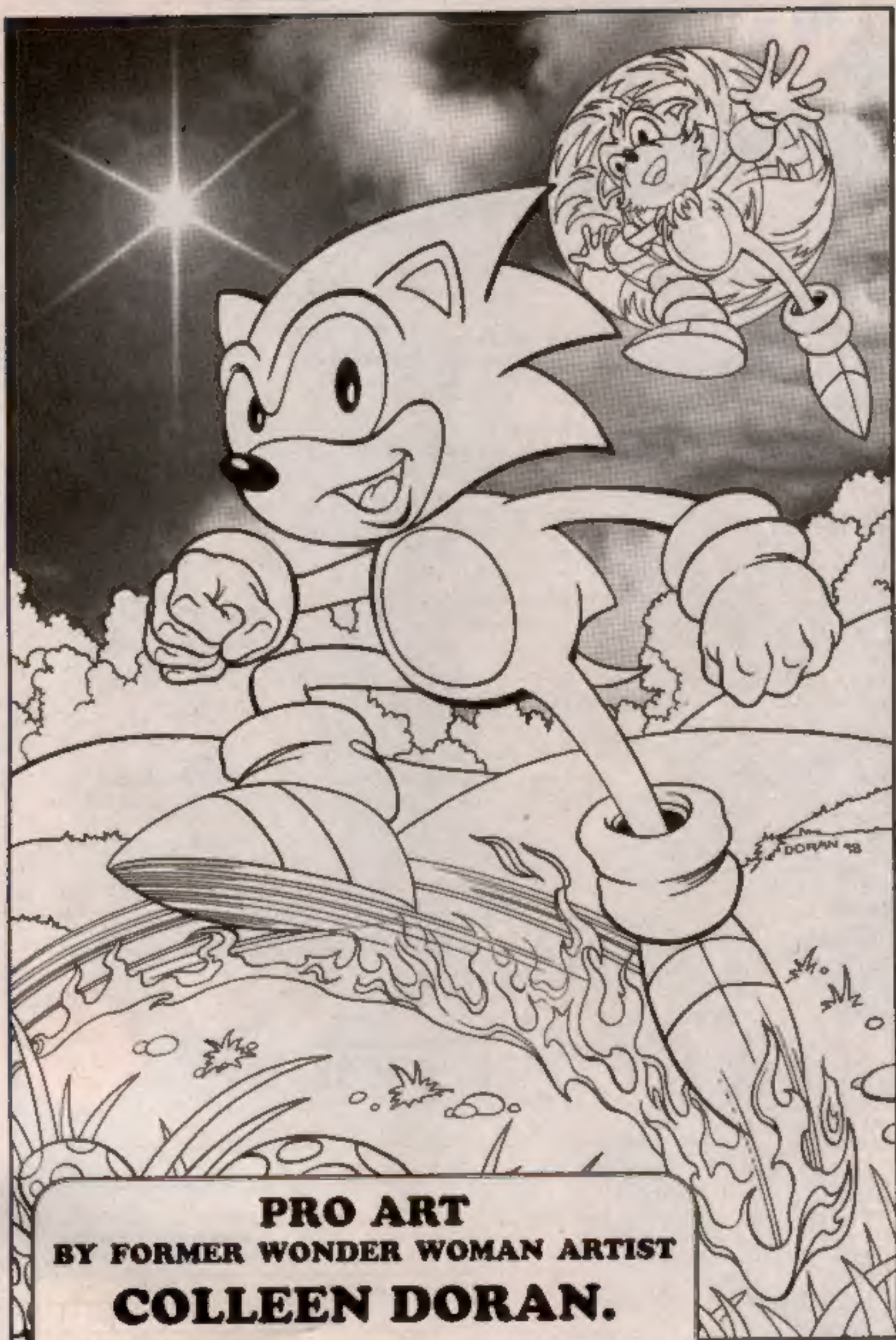
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